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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000622 - Tujunga Wash Central Branch Side Slope Repair, City of Los Angeles (3), to PPC Construction, Inc., in amount of \$162,009.

Project ID No. FCC0000795 - Bond Issue 527, Line A and Private Drain 502, Line A and Line B Invert Repair, vicinities of City of Industry and Hacienda Heights, (1 and 4), to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., in amount of \$609,180.45.

Project ID No. RMD1546026 - Palm Tree Trimming, RD 514 2002/03, vicinity of Pasadena (5), to United Pacific Services, Inc., in amount of \$37,700.

Project ID No. RMD4247022 - Road Division 241-III Slurry Seal, 2002/03 vicinities of Florence and Compton (1 and 2), to Bond Blacktop, Inc., in amount of \$355,884.

Project ID No. RMD4446001 - Parkway Tree Trimming, MD 4 - Palm Trees, 2002/03, vicinities of Monterey Park, Compton, and Whittier (1, 2, and 4), to George P. Salinas, in amount of \$18,630.00.

Project ID No. RMD4447032 - Road Division 446-III Slurry Seal, 2002/03, vicinities of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and Pico Rivera (1 and 4), to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., in amount of \$282,355.31.

Project ID No. RMD5546104 - Parkway Tree Trimming and Removal, RD 557A - 2002/03, vicinity of Palmdale (5), to Trimming Land Company, Inc., in amount of \$30,095.

Project ID No. RMD5547075 - Sundial Court, et al., Slurry Seal 2002/2003, vicinities of Palmdale and Littlerock (5), to Bond Blacktop, Inc., in amount of \$144,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including an addendum to the contract specifications for Project ID No. FCC0000795.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2002-03 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be

given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000622, TUJUNGA WASH CENTRAL BRANCH SIDE SLOPE REPAIR (City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of concrete slope protection, reinforced concrete retaining wall, and chainlink fence.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	PPC Construction, Inc., a corporation 336 North Central Avenue, Suite 10A Glendale, California 91203 (818) 662-8040	\$162,009.00
2	Bannaoun Engineers - Constructors	\$168,405.00
3	*PK Construction	\$172,724.00
4	Accent Builders, Inc.	\$172,834.00
5	*G-2000	\$176,730.00
6	Van Elk, Ltd.	\$176,739.00
7	KEC Engineering	\$184,120.00
8	Allied Building Contractors, Inc.	\$184,195.00
9	Southland Construction	\$186,610.00
10	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$188,202.00
11	*A & R Construction Corporation	\$191,270.00
12	Buso Constructors, Inc.	\$197,374.00
13	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$209,315.00
14	Calex Engineering Company	\$232,904.75
15	Beador Construction Company, Inc.	\$237,700.00
16	DC Hubbs Construction, Inc.	\$258,852.00
17	Southwest General Engineering, Inc.	\$269,000.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$179,889.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$162,009.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 17,880.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 10 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

PPC Construction, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 23 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in July 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT

April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000795, BOND ISSUE 527, LINE A AND PRIVATE DRAIN 502, LINE A AND LINE B INVERT REPAIR (in the vicinities of City of Industry and Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Invert repair of reinforced concrete pipe storm drains.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., a corporation 12874 San Fernando Road Sylmar, California 91342 (818) 367-9748	\$ 609,180.45
2	Gelco Services, Inc.	\$ 621,590.25
3	Kalban, Inc.	\$ 633,104.00
4	Steve Bubalo Construction Co.	\$ 639,570.00
5	Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc.	\$ 658,923.00
6	Bonadiman-McCain, Inc.	\$ 724,607.00
7	Vasilj, Inc.	\$ 739,054.00
8	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 757,005.00
9	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$ 769,702.00
10	Buso Constructors, Inc.	\$ 787,949.00
11	KEC Engineering	\$ 789,751.00
12	Berkeley Engineering Co.	\$ 875,903.00
13	Howard Ridley Co., Inc.	\$1,007,278.19
14	Zondiros Corp.	\$1,020,495.00
15	*Goss Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,476,233.16

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 775,361.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 609,180.45
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 166,180.55

The amount of the recommended contract is 21 percent below the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in October 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546026, PALM TREE TRIMMING, RD 514 2002/03 (in the vicinity of Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of palm trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	United Pacific Services, Inc., a corporation 1740 North Hills Drive La Habra, California 90631 (562) 691-4600	\$37,770.00
2	*Trimming Land Company, Inc.	\$46,349.00
3	TruGreen LandCare, L.L.C.	\$57,570.00
4	Andre Landscape Service, Inc.	\$61,632.00
5	*Leonard Chaidez, Inc.	\$65,424.00
6	*Orozco Landscape and Tree Company	\$68,198.00

*MWBE

George Salinas Tree Preservation also submitted a bid; however, its bid proposal did not include the necessary Bid Guaranty. Therefore, its bid is considered nonresponsive and was rejected pursuant to the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$72,765.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$37,770.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$34,995.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 48 percent below the engineer-s estimate. All of the bids were below the estimate and reflect the competitive nature of the market. The low bidder is a responsible contractor who has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts with Public Works. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Pacific Services, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications stipulate that the contractor cannot start prior to July 1, 2003, and must complete all work by August 30, 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4247022, ROAD DIVISION 241-III SLURRY SEAL, 2002/03
(in the vicinities of Florence and Compton), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bond Blacktop, Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 616 Union City, California 94587 (510) 441-9981	\$355,884.00
2	American Asphalt South, Inc.	\$381,818.10
3	California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc.	\$390,488.04
4	Valley Slurry Seal Company	\$421,949.70
5	*Pavement Coatings Company	\$434,405.64
6	Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.	\$436,412.22
7	Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc.	\$440,690.40

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$378,600.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$355,884.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 22,716.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 6 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bond Blacktop, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in August 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4446001, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, MD 4 - PALM TREES, 2002/03 (in the vicinities of Monterey Park, Compton, and Whittier),
Supervisory Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 4, 2003 (Synopsis 49)

BID OPENING DATE: March 4, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*George P. Salinas, an individual dba George Salinas Tree Preservation P.O. Box 84 Placentia, California 92871 (714) 528-9828	\$18,630.00
2	TruGreen LandCare, L.L.C.	\$21,045.00
3	*Leonard Chaidez, Inc.	\$21,478.00
4	*Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$21,708.00
5	*Orozco Landscape and Tree Co.	\$21,835.00
6	*H. Tree Landscaping, Co., Inc.	\$24,467.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$22,030.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$18,630.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 3,400.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 15 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

George Salinas Tree Preservation, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 25 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in June 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4447032, ROAD DIVISION 446-III SLURRY SEAL 2002/03
(in the vicinities of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and Pico Rivera),
Supervisory Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., a corporation 11922 Bloomfield Avenue Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-4701 (562) 864-3363	\$282,355.31
2	American Asphalt South, Inc.	\$297,308.81
3	Bond Blacktop, Inc.	\$312,362.00
4	California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc.	\$318,941.54
5	*Pavement Coatings Company	\$325,388.16
6	Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc.	\$326,019.53
7	Valley Slurry Seal Company	\$331,170.18
8	Sudhakar Company International	\$422,752.06

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$332,300.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$282,355.31
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 49,944.69

The amount of the recommended contract is 15 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in July 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD5546104, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL,
RD557A - 2002/03, (in the vicinity of Palmdale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Trimming Land Company, Inc., a corporation 8006 Ramsgate Avenue Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 645-7678	\$30,095.00
2	United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$33,139.40
3	*George Salinas Tree Preservation	\$38,412.00
4	TruGreen LandCare, L.L.C.	\$43,403.00
5	Tip Top Arborists	\$68,631.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$54,890.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$30,095.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$24,795.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 45 percent below the engineer's estimate. Four of the five bids were below the estimate and reflect the competitive nature of the market. The low bidder is a responsible contractor who has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts with Public Works. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Trimming Land Company, Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in July 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
April 1, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD5547075, SUNDIAL COURT, ET AL., SLURRY SEAL
2002/2003 (in the vicinities of Palmdale and Littlerock), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 18, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: March 18, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bond Blacktop, Inc., a corporation 1147 Atlantic Street Union City, California 94587 (510) 441-9981	\$144,000.00
2	American Asphalt South, Inc.	\$151,182.00
3	California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc.	\$161,766.00
4	Valley Slurry Seal Company	\$162,936.00
5	Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.	\$196,128.00
6	Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc.	\$205,722.00
7	*Pavement Coatings Company	\$206,892.00
8	*Sudhakar Company International	\$212,490.00
9	Asphalt Maintenance Company of California	\$222,912.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$180,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$144,000.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 36,000.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 20 percent below the engineer's estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bond Blacktop, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in July 2003.

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